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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ralf Ehricht et al.
Serial No.: 10/038,284
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Title: MICROCHIP MATRIX DEVICE FOR DUPLICATING AND CHARACTERIZING NUCLEIC ACIDS

Examiner: Betty Forman
Group Art Unit: 1634
Docket No: 235.022US1

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2004, said period of response being extended from April 28, 2004 to July 28, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted

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